

Senate Committee on Local Government

March 4, 2009

Testimony for HB 061 sponsored by Representative Jon Sesso

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee;

For the record, my name is Judy Hart, and I am the Director of the Lewis & Clark Library, serving Helena and Lewis & Clark County. I am also the Coordinator for the Broad Valleys Federation of Libraries.

I stand in support of the bill and thank Representative Sesso for bringing this bill forward.

As you heard from the State Librarian, this legislation has been studied for the past two years by the Fulfillment Task Force and is also supported by the Network Advisory Council. This legislation will modernize the existing law, affording the State Library Commission more flexibility to enable libraries to share their resources with other libraries and Montanans throughout the state.

I urge you to vote "Do Pass" on HB 061.

Thank you.

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